

PROJECT 10073-RECORD

1. DATE - TIME GROUP 12 Mar 67 12/1500Z	2. LOCATION Rochester, Minnesota 1
3. SOURCE Civilian	10. CONCLUSION INSUFFICIENT DATA FOR EVALUATION
4. NUMBER OF OBJECTS 1	Form 164 was sent to observer, form not returned yet . Case will be re-evaluated when form returned.
5. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 2 minutes	11. BRIEF SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS Object appeared as an inverted mushroom; and slightly larger than a car. It was about two ft thick with a stack on top. There was smoke or plastic streamer coming from the stack. Object was initially hovering, then tilted forty-five deg, wobbled, and disappeared to the NW.
6. TYPE OF OBSERVATION Ground Visual	
7. COURSE NW	
8. PHOTOS <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes XXXXXXXXXX <input type="checkbox"/> No	
9. PHYSICAL EVIDENCE <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	

findings
Insufficient data

12 Mar 67
Rochester, Minn

TDET/UFO (Maj H Quintanilla/70916/mhs/23May) 24 May 1967

UFO Observation, March 12, 1967

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Rochester, Minnesota 55901

1. Reference your unidentified observation of March 12, 1967. The report indicates that you took pictures of the UFO. To aid in our evaluation we would appreciate your forwarding the original negatives along with the following camera data.

- a. Type and make of camera.
- b. Type, focal length, and make of lens.
- c. Brand and type of film.
- d. Shutter speed used.
- e. Lens opening used; that is, "f" stop.
- f. Filters used.
- g. Was tripod or solid stand used.
- h. Was "panning" used.

i. Exact direction camera was pointing with relation to true North, and its angle with respect to the ground.

2. If supplemental information is unobtainable, the minimum camera data required are the type of camera, and the smallest and largest "f" stop and shutter speed readings of the camera.

3. Upon receipt of the above information and your negatives a comprehensive photographic investigation will be undertaken.

4. Upon completion of the analysis we will return your negatives along with our findings.

JAMES C. MANATT, Colonel, USAF
Director of Technology and Subsystems

1 Atch
FTD Form 164 w/envelope

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*Pending
photos*

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ACTION : RDC-4 INFO : XOP-1, XOPX-2, SAFOS-3, NIN-7, DIA-1 (19) ADV CY DIA
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ZNR UUUUU

R 232130Z MAR 67

FM 29ADIV DULUTH INTL APRT MINN

TO RUWMFVA/ ADC

RUEDFIR/F TO WRIGHT PATTERSON AFB OHIO

RUEDHQA/C SAF

RUEDHQA/ OSAF WASHDC

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UNCLAS FROM 29 01N 19530 MARCH 67. FOR: ADOIN, TDETR, AFRDC,
SAF-01. SUBJECT IS UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT (UFO). REFERENCE
AFR 80-17.

1. DESCRIPTION OF THE OBJECT:

- A. INVERTED MUSHROOM.
- B. SLIGHTLY LARGER THAN A CAR.
- C. UNKNOWN.
- D. ONE.
- E. N/A.
- F. ABOUT TWO FEET THICK WITH A STACK.

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G. SMOKE OR PLASTIC STREAMER COMING FROM STACK.

H. NONE.

I. NONE.

2. DESCRIPTION OF COURSE OF OBJECT:

A. OBSERVER WENT OUTSIDE TO GET NEWSPAPERS, SAW OBJECT.

B. TWENTY-FIVE OR THIRTY FEET ABOVE GROUND.

C. UNKNOWN.

D. INITIALLY WAS OVERING.

E. TILTED FORTY-FIVE DEGREES, WOBbled, AND DISAPPEARED TO
NORTHWEST.

F. TWO MINUTES.

3. MANNER OF OBSERVATION:

A. GROUND VISUAL.

B. NONE.

C. NONE.

4. TIME AND DATE OF SIGHTING:

A. 12/1500Z MARCH 1967.

B. DAY.

5. LOCATION OF OBSERVER: OBSERVER'S HOME IN ROCHESTER, MINN.

6. IDENTIFYING INFORMATION OF OBSERVER: **REDACTED**; AGE TWELVE;

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ONE NINE FOUR EIGHT NORTHEAST THIRD AVENUE, ROCHESTER, MINNESOTA.

7. WEATHER AND WINDS ALFT CONDITIONS: AWS WAS UNABLE TO OBTAIN WEATHER DATA FOR ANY AREA NEAR ROCHESTER, MINNESOTA. A MR. [REDACTED] OF ROCHESTER DESCRIBED THE WEATHER AS BEING OVERCAST THAT DAY.

8. ANY OTHER UNUSUAL ACTIVITY OR CONDITION: NONE.

9. INTERCEPTOR OR IDENTIFICATION ACTION TAKEN: NONE.

10. AIR TRAFFIC AND BALLOON RELEASES IN THE AREA: UNKNOWN.

11. POSITION TITLE AND COMMENTS OF THE PREPARING OFFICER:

INTELLIGENCE OFFICER. WILL SEND FOLLOW-UP REPORT, TRYING TO OBTAIN PHOTOGRAPHS. THE ROCHESTER POST BULLETIN (NEWSPAPER) REPORTEDLY PUBLISHED AT LEAST ONE OF THE PHOTOGRAPHS, WHICH WERE ALSO BRIEFLY POSSESSED BY A GARY PETERSEN, ALLEGEDLY A TELEVISION ANNOUNCER IN ROCHESTER. HE SAID THEY SHOWED AN OBJECT AS DESCRIBED IN THIS REPORT, WITH CARS AND BUILDINGS IN BACKGROUND.

12. PHYSICAL EVIDENCE: THREE PHOTOGRAPHS WERE ALLEGEDLY MADE BY [REDACTED] IT IS BELIEVED THAT THEY ARE NOW IN HIS POSSESSION.

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ROCHESTER POST-BULLE

ROCHESTER, MINNESOTA, MONDAY, MARCH 20, 1967

Guess What, Folks!



FLYING SAUCER IN ROCHESTER — OR WHAT?

Pictures Taken by Mark Hrabetz, 12, Through Living Room Window



Local Lad Photographs A Nearby Flying Object

By JOHN NOVOTNEY
Post-Bulletin Staff Writer

"I don't really believe in flying saucers from another planet, but I suppose its possible."

Mark Hrubetz, 12, son of Mr. and Mrs. D.L. Hrubetz, 1948 3rd Ave. NE, made this remark after taking the pictures that accompany this article.

They are the first reported pictures taken in the Rochester area of what appears to be a flying saucer. He took them March 12.

Mark said he looked out his living room window to see if the paperboy was coming, but instead saw a flying saucer-like object hovering over the roof of the apartment building across the street from the Hrubetz home.

It was silver-colored and black around the outside edge, he said. A cloth or plastic-like material fluttered from the top of the stack in the center of the object, Mark said.

"I was awfully scared because it was so low," he said. It looked to him to be about the size of a car.

He raced out to the kitchen, got his camera and took three pictures of the round object before it lifted up out of sight. It was in view for only about 45 sec-

about 9:15 on a Sunday morning, and Mark was the only member of the family who was up at the time. His parents did not see the object, and he doesn't know of any neighbors who may have seen it.

"We thought Mark was seeing things when he told us," Mrs. Hrubetz said, "and were really shocked when the pictures came back from the developers."

The object was over the apartment when he first saw it, but moved over the street by the time he took the pictures, he said. His camera was a "little cheap one he won in a contest."

The circular object "tilted or wobbled back and forth" as it moved, and then "shot up" at an angle out of sight, Mark said.

Most of the boy's class-

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He raced out to the kitchen, got his camera and took three pictures of the round object before it lifted up out of sight. It was in view for only about 45 seconds, and he could hear no sound from the object.

The boy was sincere when telling about the incident, and did not appear to be attempting to perpetrate a hoax.

This incident took place

Object

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mates thought the pictures were "pretty neat," Mark said, but a few accused him of rigging the pictures. He insists he did not, and these accusations have made him reluctant to report it to Air Force authorities.

"I am not about to let my boy get up on the roof and rig up something like that," Mrs. Hrubetz said, adding it wouldn't be like him to do that sort of thing, anyway.

Mark is interested in astronomy and got a telescope for Christmas.